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SUBJECT: 29 TH GA-THIRD COMMITTEE ADOPTS RESOLUTION ON MIA'S

1. THIRD COMITE ADOPTED US-SPONSORED RES ON MIA'S BY VOTE
OF 72-0-27(ABSTENTIONS).

QUOTE

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING THAT ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS
THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN SOLVING INTERN-
ATIONAL PROBLEMS OF HUMANITARIAN CHARACTER,

REGRETTING THAT IN VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED
NATIONS CHARTER THE RESORT TO FORCE HAS CONTINUED TO OCCUR,
CAUSING LOSS OF HUMAN LIVES, WIDESPREAD DEVASTATION, AND OTHER FORMS
OF HUMAN SUFFERING,

REAFFIRMING THE FACT THAT IT IS ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL OBLIGATIONS
OF MEMBER STATES TO ENSURE AND PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL PEACE
AND SECURITY BY PREVENTING OR ENDING ARMED CONFLICTS,
RECOGNIZING THAT ONE OF THE TRAGIC RESULTS OF ARMED
CONFLICTS IS THE LACK OF INFORMATION ON PERSONS, CIVILIANS
AS WELL AS COMBATANTS, WHO ARE MISSING OR

DEAD IN ARMED CONFLICTS,

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NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE RED CROSS AT TEHERAN,
ON 14 NOVEMBER 1973, CALLING ON PARTIES TO ARMED CONFLICTS
TO ACCOMPLISH THE HUMANITARIAN TASK OF ACCOUNTING FOR THE MISSING AND

DEAD IN ARMED CONFLICTS,
BEARING IN MIND THE INADMISSIBILITY OF REFUSAL TO APPLY
THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949,
REAFFIRMING THE URGENT NEED TO ENSURE FULL ADHERENCE TO AND
EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949
ON THE PROTECTION OF WAR VICTIMS, BY ALL STATES AND IN
PARTICULAR THOSE SIGNATORIES TO THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949,
CONSIDERING THAT THE DESIRE TO KNOW THE FATE OF LOVED ONES
LOST IN ARMED CONFLICTS IS A BASIC HUMAN NEED WHICH
SHOULD BE SATISFIED TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, AND
THAT PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON THOSE WHO ARE MISSING OR WHO
HAVE DIED IN ARMED CONFLICTS SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED MERELY
BECAUSE OTHER ISSUES REMAIN PENDING.

1. REAFFIRMS THE APPLICABILITY OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949
TO ALL ARMED CONFLICTS AS STIPULATED BY THOSE CONVENTIONS;
2. CALLS ON PARTIES TO ARMED CONFLICTS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR CHARACTER

OF LOCATION, DURING HOSTILITIES AND AFTER THE END OF
HOSTILITIES AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF
1949, TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE WITHIN THEIR POWER TO
HELP LOCATE AND MARK THE GRAVES OF THE DEAD, TO FACILITATE
THE DISINTERMENT AND THE RETURN OF REMAINS IF REQUESTED BY
THEIR FAMILIES, AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THOSE
WHO ARE MISSING IN ACTION.

3. APPRECIATES THE CONTINUING EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RED CROSS(ICRC) TO ASSIST IN THE TASK OF ACCOUNTING FOR
THE MISSING AND DEAD IN ARMED CONFLICTS;
4. CALLS ON ALL PARTIES TO ARMED CONFLICTS TO CO-OPERATE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949 WITH PROTECTING
POWERS OR THEIR SUBSTITUTES, AND WITH THE ICRC, IN PROVIDING
INFORMATION ON THE MISSING AND DEAD IN ARMED CONFLICTS,
INCLUDING PERSONS BELONGING TO OTHER COUNTRIES NOT PARTIES TO
THE ARMED CONFLICT;
5. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO BRING THIS RESOLUTION
TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE
ON THE REAFFIRMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANI-

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